the assement of its production potential is in hand. The utilisation of gas from this structure can be taken up only after the techno-economic viability of exploitation of the gas is established.

(b) and (c) ONGC is carrying out exploration in West Godavari District in the "Island Block" which is formed by Vashista and Vainatayan branches of Godavari River. At present there is no bridge, and rigs are being transported through ferry. INGC have conveyed agreement for contribution of Rs. 6 crores for construction of a bridge across the Vashista branch of Godavari Rivet.

Vayudoot service at Vijayawada

818. DR. YELAMANCHILLI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint regarding unsatisfactory Vayudoot service at Vijayawada; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the service?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recruitment of Indian nurses for AIDS treatment in U.S.A.

819. SHRI JOHN F. FERNJANDES:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian nurses are being recruited in India to be taken to U.S.A. to nurse AIDS patients as the American nurses have refused to do so due to the stigma and danger attached in treating such patients;

(b) if so, whether this recruitment is being done through proper channels;

(c) what is the number of trained nurses who migrated abroad during the last two years and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure that the Indian nurses abroad are not expiloited?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI NILAMANI ROUTRAY): (a) and (b) No, Sir. No request has been received for recruttment of nurses specifically for treatment of AIDS patients.

(c) As there is no requirement of emigration check, Government of India does not have any information on the same.

(d) In view of the shortage of nurses in India Government has not responded favourably to requests from any foreign based recruiting agencies for the recruitment of nurses. No specific instance has been brought to Government notice of exploitation of Indian nurses abroad.

Bulk drugs manufactured by M/s Infar

820. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of bulk drugs being produced by M/s. Infar;

(b) what was the production of each drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) what are the names of the bulk drugs being produced by M/s. Infar which are price controlled under DPCO, 1987;

(d) whether it is a fact that the prices of Durabolin and Decadurabolin are being charged by this company five times the prices normally due to them;

(e) what is the material cost taken along with the price of bulk drugs in the break up submitted to his Ministry;

(f) what are the ground under which these two monopolised products have been price decontrolled;

(g) whether his Ministry has received representations for inclusion of these products under price control; and

(h) if so, what is the number of representations received and what are the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) M/s. Infar is licensed to produce several corticosteroids of which this Ministry is monitoring the production of only Dexamethasone, Betamethason and Prednicsolone. M/s. Infar has not been reporting production of any of these drugs.

(c) To the extent information is available, Metaclopromide is the price controlled bulk drug manufactured by this company.

(d) to (h) These formulations are outside price control. The list of price controlled drugs under Category II of DPCO was drawn by Kelkar Committee. However, in view of the number of representation against inclusion/exclusion of the drugs under price control, a Standing Committee has already been constituted to consider all issues connected with DPCO, 1987.

Recovery of unintended benefit

821. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry gave notice for recovery of unintended benefit made by drug companies on Chloroquin, Streptomycin, Tetracycline, Metronidazole, Flucinolone, Oxyphenylbutazone, Doxycycline and Analgin.

(b) if so, when was the last notice issued;

(c) what are the names of drug companies to whom notice were issued;

(d) whether his Ministry has worked out the amount due in each case from each company;

(e) if so, what are the details thereof;

(f) what is the amount recovered from each company on each drug upto the 15th February, 1990 under Drugs Prices Equalisation Account; and

(g) by when the total amount due will be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) to (e) Letters to 100 and odd formulators (including manufacturers of Chloroquin, Streptomycin, Tetracycline, Metronidazole, Flucinolone, Oxyphenylbutazone, Doxycycline etc.) were issued between 1983 and 1989 for collecting details of import/purchase of bulk drug in